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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE IN THE FEES FOR ALL AFER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated December 21, 2005.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-14 and 19-20.

Regarding the election of a single process, Applicants elect the process of Group IV, claim 17.

Applicants agree to the deletion of claim 18, which deletion will be effected in the response to the first Office Action.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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